Homework 3: Representing Simple Documents

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In this exercise you will:

- Implement a simple document class.
- Get experience using the unittest framework.

You can monitor your progress by calling (from the src direcory:) python3 -m unittest hw03_documents_solution/test_documents.py

Exercise 1: TextDocument class [10 points]

- 1. Implement the helper method word_tokenize that takes a string and returns a list of lower-case tokens. Use nltk for tokenization.
- 2. Complete the constructor for TextDocument. You need to add word_to_count, a dictionary that maps every word to the number of its occurrences in this document.
- 3. Complete the class method from_file, that creates a document by reading a file, and calls the constructor with the text read from the file (and the filename as its id).
- 4. Implement the __str__ method. It should return a string representation that is at most 25 characters long. If the original text is longer than 25 characters, the last 3 characters of the short string should be "...". For example, the document text: "Dr. Strangelove is the U.S. President's advisor."

 Should yield the str representation:
 - "Dr. Strangelove is the..."
- 5. Complete the function word_overlap that determines the number of words that occur in both of the documents (self and other_doc) at the same time. Every word should be considered only once, irrespective of how often it occurs in either document (i.e. we consider word types). In other words this should return the size of the intersection of the word sets for both documents.

Using NLTK

If you work on the cip pool computers, nltk should already be installed. If you use your own computer:

• Unix (with Python3):
sudo apt-get install python3-pip
sudo pip3 install -U nltk
Test the installation:
python3
>>>import nltk

- Windows: http://www.nltk.org/install.html
- If you encounter difficulties, ask fellow students or the tutors.